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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPERATION OF A RESILIENT CLOSED COMMUNICATION NETWORK WITHOUT A DEDICATED PROTECTION NETWORK SEGMENT

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Dear Sir:

Noriaki HASHIMOTO, as the inventor of the above-referenced patent application, hereby appoint the following attorneys to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office in connection with this patent:  
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Dated: December 26, 2002